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**HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED . . .** The Automobile Club of Southern California conducted a tour of their total loss yard for members of the BNR and Pharaoh's Pacers Car Clubs. The tour consisted of viewing cars involved in accidents with explanation of how accident occurred, what happened to occupants and vehicle disposition. After the tour a luncheon was served at Victoria Park in Los Angeles. Club representatives are from left, Dave Nassimbene, Steve Berry, Pat Barber, A. L. Jackson of the Torrance Police Department and club advisor, Craig Norton, Chuck McCutcheon, and C. E. Christensen, Automobile Club Claimsman. Represented are six car clubs out of a total of 400 that are under the supervision of the Police Advisory Council of Car Clubs in Los Angeles County.

### Begins in January

## New Safety Program Planned in Schools

Bicycle safety will receive emphasis in Torrance schools in January, according to Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of education. Cooperating with the Automobile Club of Southern California, the Torrance Police Department, and the PTA, Torrance teachers will conclude a study unit on bicycle safety education with

classroom tests preceding a visit of the Auto Club Safety Lane Trailer. Visits by the trailer, which will check bikes for wheel and frame alignment, brakes, speedometer and safety factors, are scheduled to take place from Jan. 18 through Feb. 19, Posner said.

BICYCLE licenses will be issued by the police department following the safety check. PTA safety chairmen will assist the Auto Club and police department with the safety check and licensing.

Coordinating the school bicycle safety program with the PTA, police department and Auto Club was a committee composed of Dr. Donald Duncan, curriculum consultant, Rolbert Dexter, principal of Flavian School, and Dr. Dale Wickstrom, principal of Hamilton School.

**SAFETY LANE** Trailer visits and licensing will take place as follows: Lincoln and Casimir Schools, Jan. 18; Arlington and Hamilton, Jan. 19; Crenshaw and Carr, Jan. 20; Yukon and Edison, Jan. 21; Madison, Magruder and Perry, Jan. 22. Steele and Towers, Jan. 25; Flavian and Victor, Jan. 26; Sepulveda and Arnold, Jan. 29; Meadow Park and Seaside, Feb. 8; Calle Mayor and Parkway, Feb. 9; Riviera and Newton, Feb. 10; WALTERIA and Hillside, Feb. 11; Adams and Wood, Feb. 17; Hickory and Torrance Elementary, Feb. 18; and Fern-Greenwood and Madrona, Feb. 19.

### Navajo Indian Aid

## YMCA Appeals for Gifts, Volunteers

Needed food, clothing, and toys will be given to the Navajo Indians in Arizona for the eighth year by the Torrance Family YMCA during the holiday season. Art Sears, director of youth programs at the YMCA, said donations of food and clothing have been coming in very slow this year as he issued the annual appeal for the Christmas project.

Many of the Navajos live on little more than \$500 per year, Sears said. One of the greatest needs is to provide some help for the Navajos, he added.

**LAST YEAR** the Torrance YMCA truck was met by 600 Navajos when it arrived. Many of the Indians had come from 50 miles away, Sears said, in horse and mule drawn wagons.

The Indian hospital needs baby clothes and canned milk which Navajo parents can not afford, and the only toys which the youngsters receive are those given to the Navajos by the YMCA.

The program is strictly a "people-to-people program, where citizens of Torrance are assured that every possible piece of clothing or item of food is carefully packed and loaded on a moving van for the trip to Navajo Land," Sears said.

to help sort clothing and pack the gifts for more than 2,000 needy people. This year's Christmas party will be in The Gap, Arizona, heart of the Navajo country. SEARS SAID there is still room for several teenagers to make the trip for distribution of the gifts. The group will leave Torrance Dec. 27, stay in Flagstaff the first night, and then visit with the Navajos.



**CRUSADE TOPPERS . . .** Sears Roebuck and Co. employees throughout Los Angeles County contributed \$201,725 to the United Crusade campaign. Awards, based on per capita giving, were presented stores and units with the most outstanding campaigns. Arthur M. Wood, from left, Sears Vice president, joins Ross Guzzo, hardware department manager, and Gerald Bays, unit control manager of the Sears Torrance Store, to display gold plaque presented the local unit. Don H. Cameron, right, crusade chairman for major employe groups, made presentation.

# Fog-Bound Air Crash Orphans Six Children

## Two Couples Killed When Plane Falls

A crashing airplane, the noise stifled by thick fog, has claimed the lives of two Redondo Beach appliance store executives and their wives, leaving six children without parents two weeks before Christmas.

Orphaned by the crash near Torrance Municipal Airport early Thursday were Frank, Michael, and Lorraine Taylor, children of Joseph and Dorothy Taylor, and Stephanie, Linda and Elizabeth Evans, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Evans.

Taylor and Evans, executives of Griffey Electric in Redondo Beach, and their wives were killed instantly when Taylor's light plane struck power lines on Hawthorne Avenue and crashed at the west end of Torrance airport.

The crash was hidden in the fog for nearly two hours as Edison Co. repair crews searched for an outage reported on their trouble board. The heavy fog prevented crews from finding the break immediately.

**POLICE ON** routine patrol spotted the broken lines along Hawthorne Avenue nearly two hours after the 1:55 a.m. crash. It was not until cranes had lifted part of the wreckage that the victims were removed.

Associates of Taylor and Evans reported that both had worked late Wednesday at the large appliance store in Redondo Beach and had apparently flown to Van Nuys for dinner with their wives. During their stay in Van Nuys, the Torrance airport

became hidden in the dense fog. The plane apparently was being brought in from the west for a landing when it hit the high voltage lines along Hawthorne Avenue. The tower was not in operation at the time, having closed at 10 p.m.

## Navy May Release 18 Acres

Nearly 18 acres of land at the Torrance Navy Supply Depot may be released to the Torrance Unified School District if Department of Defense approval is granted.

Notice that the land had been declared surplus by the Navy was received by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro last week. Formal release of the land is subject to approvals from the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and a host of other federal agencies.

Ferraro was sent a copy of a letter addressed to Congressman Cecil King (D-17th District). The letter, signed by Kenneth E. Belieu, assistant secretary of the Navy, gave the fall of 1965 as the earliest possible date of release.

While the request for release of the land originated in Dr. J. H. Hull's office, Dr. Hull had not been advised of the action by either the Navy or Congressman King.

One possible use of the land by the school district will be discussed Jan. 13, 1965, when superintendents and trustees of several school districts will meet to investigate the establishment of a vocational education center.

Such a center, Dr. Hull told the Press-Herald, would be used by several school districts. (Continued on Page A-2)



**IN HOLIDAY MOOD . . .** Norman McCracken, Mildred McCarty, and Craig Baxley are getting into the mood of Christmas as they rehearse for the annual North High Christmas concert. The annual musical event is to be presented Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Saxon gymnasium. Vocal and instrumental selections will be featured.

## Governor Asked to Look Into Inaction on College

A complete review of the status of the new California State College at Palos Verdes has been urged by Nicholas Drale, chairman of the citizens committee for the college.

In a letter to Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Drale charged the staffing of the college without the acquisition of land is "a flagrant waste of money."

"As yet, not one acre of land has been purchased, or one building completed," Drale said. He asked the governor for a complete report on the amount of money spent for salaries, acquisition of land, and engineering.

Drale also asked for a complete schedule on the college. Drale said he has tried "every possible means" but has been unsuccessful in getting any pertinent information.

He said a complete review of the project by the governor and the Board of Public Works is necessary, "if we are to maintain good relations with the taxpayers of the area."

Drale, a former Torrance city councilman, was in the forefront of the fight to locate the new state college in Torrance. The Trustees of the State College System selected the Palos Verdes Peninsula site in March and ordered preliminary plans from a Long Beach architect.

No land has been purchased since that date, Drale said, and no buildings have been started. The college staff has, however, moved to temporary offices in the Peninsula Center.

### Accepts New Post . . .

Donald W. Mansfield, former assistant city manager of Torrance and currently city administrator for Rolling Hills Estates, will become city manager of newly incorporated city of Camarillo, it was revealed Friday. Mansfield, who had announced earlier that he was leaving his Rolling Hills Estates post, will assume the Camarillo post on Jan. 1, 1965, he said.

### Car Strikes Tots . . .

Two small girls were rushed to the hospital by their parents after they were struck by an auto near their home Friday evening. Taken to a Gardena hospital for check-up were Deborah Ormond, 7, and Jacqueline Ormond, struck by an auto driven by Dorothy Busby, 63, of Los Angeles.

### Three Injured . . .

Jerry R. Gibson, 38, Inglewood; Penny Palmer, 18, 26004 Narbonne Avenue, and James McIntosh, 18, San Pedro, were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment after a two-car collision at Crenshaw and 230th Street Friday evening.

### In Corner Pocket . . .

Some strong-armed burglars took a regulation pool table, cues, balls, and the rack from the recreation room at Starline Arms, 1735 Lincoln Ave., Audrey Boehm told Torrance police Friday. Only residents of the apartment have keys to the recreation rooms, she said.

## Kiddies Can Talk To Santa on Phone

For the seventh year, Torrance area youngsters will be able to put in their Christmas orders directly to Santa through the Call Santa Program it was revealed here yesterday.

Roger E. Wright of the Wright Answerphone service at 2115 Torrance Blvd., in cooperation with the Press-Herald and scores of community leaders, will conduct the service for Santa's young friends from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. next Thursday and Friday. Special phone numbers which will let the caller talk directly to Santa's headquarters will be announced in Wednesday's Press-Herald.

So, boys and girls, get your lists ready and watch Wednesday's Press-Herald for Santa's number.